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David J. Sharpless et al.

Application No.: 09/998,927

Confirmation No.: 4299

Filed: November 29, 2001

Art Unit: 3714

For: SYSTEM, APPARATUS AND METHOD
EMPLOYING CONTROLLER FOR PLAY
OF SHARED BONUS GAMES

Examiner: Steven L Ashburn

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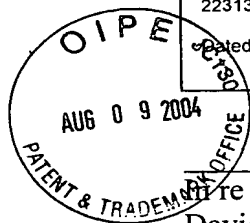
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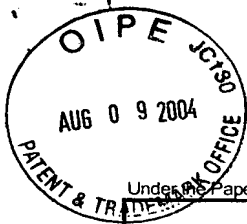
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1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
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1255	2,010	2255	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive – unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee	
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1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
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1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
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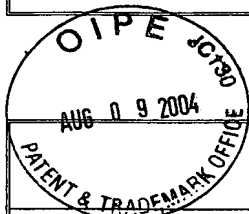
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	Document Number	Issue or Publication Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date (If Appropriate)
	4,710,873	12/01/1987	Breslow et al.	364	410	
	6,224,484	05/01/2001	Okuda et al.	463	27	05/26/1998
	2001/0036855	11/01/2001	Defrees-Parrott et al.	463	17	05/03/2001

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OTHER DOCUMENTS

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